

I am writing in opposition to S. B. 1094 AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES

I am a Law-Abiding life long Connecticut Citizen, Father of three young children and Gun Owner for the past 22 years as well as a new member of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League.

Let me start by saying that Criminals will not be affected by this bill, only good law-abiding citizens!!

As the owner of a few rifles and one pistol, all of which came from their respective manufacturers with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, for me to suddenly become a Felon because I own these is simply preposterous!

A Felon, really? Where was my intent to commit this felony? How about the other 600,000 gun owners in the State of Connecticut who are not here right now, most of them unaware that this bill would make them a felon and on July 2nd they get pull over by an officer with their 11 round magazine? Instant Felon!?

I went to the local Connecticut gun shop and following all past and currant State Laws, purchased a firearm which this "Standard Capacity Magazine" was specifically designed for and recommended for use in, came from the manufacturer, and I am now going to be a Felon.

This is a Bill looking to create a whole new group of Felons...the law-abiding type Felons, while at the same time we have a Bill, S.B. 349 that would essentially let a bunch of Drug users go free...this is mind boggling! Where is the common sense here?

After the horrible Cheshire Home Invasion, I think many Connecticut residents realized the importance of being able to protect themselves and their family's. It baffles the mind that, in light of that horrible tragedy, anyone would want to severely limit a law-abiding citizens ability to protect their family. It is certainly known that in a stressful situation, in the dark or when facing multiple attackers, such as in the case of the Cheshire Home Invasion, a 10 round magazine would definitely NOT be enough! Ask any Police Officer if they feel a 10 or less round magazine would be sufficient. The answer is a resounding "NO".

This Bill will instantly "Infringe on my 2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms" because the newly required 10 round magazines are not widely available, cost twice as much and in some cases, not even manufactured at all.

Speaking about cost. I have invested several thousands of dollars over many years into this hobby. Due to the currant economy, many of us are living on very tight budgets (something the State can't even do) and do not have the means to go out and purchase all new 10 round magazines to replace our confiscated mags. Remember, the equivalent to a confiscated 30 round mag is not a 10 round mag...it is three 10 round mags.

The 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution clearly states that Private Property Shall not be taken without Just Compensation. The Court has repeatedly held that just compensation is to be measured by the market value of the property at the time of the taking...paid in money. Let's go with a low end estimate...600,000 gun owners x 10 "standard capacity magazines" = 6 million mags x currant market value of \$30 a piece = 180 Million Dollars...this is a low estimate because there are many people like myself who own many more than 10 magazines at much higher market value than \$30. Some magazines have a currant market value as high as 300 to 400 dollars. Is the State of Connecticut willing to abide by the US Constitution a pay this 180 million plus dollar estimated cost or is the State going to Violate this Constitutional Right?

You work for us. You are to do for the "will of the people"...not for your own agenda! It is clear by the millions of emails, letters and phone calls you all have received as well as all the people here and all who have submitted written testimony, what the "Will of the People" is.

Please defeat this unfair, unconstitutional and overreaching bill.

Thank you!

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